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To: District Administrators
Representatives of State Education-Related Organizations
Representatives of Youth-Serving Organizations

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Subject: 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Workshops

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is pleased to announce that applications for 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) grants will soon be available for use in requesting funding for the 2015-16 school year. The purposes of the 21st Century CLC program are to:

1. Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and mathematics,
2. Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs, that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students, and
3. Offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Public school districts, private schools, charter schools, and community-based organizations (including faith-based organizations) primarily serving students attending schools with 40 percent or more of enrolled students eligible for free or reduced price lunch, or with similar or equivalent economic need, are eligible to apply. Applications are due on or before January 30, 2015. More information and application materials will be available in early November on the department's CLC website at: http://sspwi.dpi.wi.gov/sspwi_clcgrant.

DPI will be hosting on-line and in-person workshops to assist writers in developing grant applications. Workshops will be held:

- November 20, 2014, at the Holiday Inn, Rothschild, Wisconsin.
- November 21, 2014, at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Madison, Wisconsin.
- A live webinar will be held on November 24, and will be archived for later viewing.

Please see http://sspwi.dpi.wi.gov/sspwi_clcgrant for more information and to register for the workshops. For further information, please contact Gary Sumnicht at 608-267-5078 or Alison Wineberg at 608-267-3751.